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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DYNAMIC RETENTION OF SYSTEM AREA
NETWORK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION IN NON-VOLATILE STORE**

A method in a network computing system for managing configuration information for a set of components in a network computing system. The configuration information is stored for the set of components in the network computing system to form stored configuration information. In the depicted examples, the components may be nodes or devices within nodes. Current configuration is obtained in response to a power cycle. The current configuration information is compared with the stored configuration information to form a comparison. The stored configuration information is updated if a difference is present in the comparison. The stored configuration information is used to configure the components when a power cycle occurs.

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